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Regulations for short-term rentals still in county's sights

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Designing rules to govern short-term property rentals in Haliburton County has proven to be an arduous task.

The newly-elected county council received an update when it met Nov. 23 on progress made to regulate short-term rentals.

A consultant hired by the county prepared a final report for the previous county council's consideration in October. The consultant made a number of recommendations about the format of the draft registration and licensing bylaw.

Steve Stone, the county's director of planning, said staff will provide the new council with a detailed status report on this project in the near future. The primary purpose of that report will be to receive direction from this council on its priorities with respect to moving forward on this project.

Steve D'Eon spoke to council about the subject of short-term rentals. He described to council what some other municipalities and upper-tier councils have done to regulate the practice.

"It's not an easy issue," D'Eon said. "Municipalities all across vacationland Ontario struggle with (short-term rentals)."

Waterfront short-term rentals that are not zoned properly and are annoying their neighbours. They're waterfront properties that are rented to strangers to generate weekly income for the owners.

"The owner has no ties to the lake other than the income (the property) generates," D'Eon said.

The county doesn't know how many party STRs it has operating within its boundaries. For the sake of argument, D'Eon said, assume there are as many as 3,000 properties are offered as STRs within the Haliburton region.

"The vast majority of these are not problem party houses," he said. "The good actors greatly contribute to the economy of Haliburton."

D'Eon said many people support STRs, but not the problem ones that are nuisances to neighbours.

What makes them problem properties is they annoy neighbouring property owners, he said.

Generally, most STR operators are respectful and careful about who they rent to, D'Eon said. And regulations or licensing would punish the good and the bad STR operators.

Warden Liz Danielsen said county council recognizes there is a fine balance to maintain when trying to devise a suitable bylaw to govern STRs.

"Recognize the value of short-term rentals to our economy and that we're still struggling with the bylaw and (we) realize that there are still some things that need to be changed," she said.

Flood Plain Mapping nears completion

Planning Department staff submitted an application in September for funding through the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Funding is being sought to cover the
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Welcoming Santa to town

Brandon and Lennon Skelding smile and wave at the Dysart et al Fire Department as they lead the Santa Claus Parade. The Santa Claus Parade, hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, took place on Friday, Nov. 25 on packed Highland Street in Haliburton. Over 40 floats participated. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Bishop remembered for his lifelong dedication to the community

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Curry Bishop will be remembered by countless throughout the Haliburton Highlands for his devotion to bettering the community through his extensive volunteerism, his tireless work ethic, inspiring those around him to “lead by example,” and reminding all of the importance of time spent enjoying the landscape around us.

“He was always community minded. He was absolutely driven to serve his community,” said Curry’s son, Greg Bishop. “He was there to help and support; always community-minded and always pushing the community to be bettered.”

Curry passed away peacefully at the Gardens of Haliburton on Monday, Nov. 21 at the age of 91.

He was an Ontario Land Surveyor, Canadian Land Surveyor, a civil engineer, a life-long member of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, a former deputy reeve and reeve of the Municipality of Dysart et al, a former school board trustee, and a founding president of the Haliburton County Forest Owners Association.

He is remembered by his three children, Deb, Shirley, and Greg, 10 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He was married to his wife, Aldyth (Sisson) Bishop, for 63 years before she passed away in 2016.

Early years

Greg will always remember time spent with his father hunting at North Lake, north of Fort Irwin and Haliburton Lake, beginning when he was four-years-old.

“My favourite experiences with my Dad are all around hunting and getting out in the wild and spending time with him that way. Those are the memories I have and certainly am still having, because hunting is still a family thing,” Greg said.

Curry continued hunting until he was 87 years old.

Greg’s son and eight-year-old grandson hunted at the camp for the past moose and deer season.

Deb hunted until she was 21 years old, and Deb and Greg’s sister, Shirley, is also an avid hunter.

“It was a real family affair, and we’re carrying on the tradition,” Greg said.

The tradition was started by WR Curry, Curry’s grandfather whom he lived with from the age of 11 until he left for university.

One of the fondest memories Deb has of her father was when he took the family on vacation to Mexico in 1966.

“It was an adventure. Dad never liked to spend a lot of extra money on extravagance. He like sports, adventures, being outdoors, which we all grew up appreciating. Aunt Ethel Curry painted with the Group of Seven ... So the outdoors was a main focal point for the whole family,” Deb said.

It was the family’s first holiday together, and they stayed in a two-storey hotel, watching turkey vultures with their chicks and herds of horses walking past the front doors.

“He took us all deep-sea fishing for the first time. We went out on a little chartered boat, and I remember drinking Coca Cola and not getting sea sick despite the huge waves,” she laughed.

Everyone in the family caught a sailfish, but Deb’s was the largest.

To her surprise, it showed up at the family’s door in a few months after their vacation.

“I guess Dad sent it to a taxidermy, and then it got shipped to the house here in Haliburton. I hung it on the wall in my bedroom downstairs here for the longest time. It was 5’3” and weighed 105 pounds, so it was bigger than me at the time,” she laughed.

Deb said the gift of her sailfish from her Dad was a wonderful surprise, and it was an example of how much Curry valued adventure.

School and work

Deb was born while Curry was attending school at the University of Toronto.

He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering and then became an Ontario Land Surveyor, Canadian Land Surveyor, and conducted post-graduate work in planning.

“We moved [to Haliburton] when I was four years old. I’m now living in the home we all grew up in right



Leslie Frost, the Premier of Ontario in 1956, signed Curry Bishop's University of Toronto graduation photo, where Curry is standing on the right with his mother, Viola (Vic) Bishop at left, his grandfather WR Curry, his daughter Deb Bishop. / Submitted

in town,” Deb said.

Greg and Deb reflected on Curry’s surveying achievements in Haliburton County.

“At one point in time, he had eight partners and over 1000 lakefront properties in their portfolio in the 80s,” Greg said.

He was one of the surveyors who allowed for developments in Halbiem and along College Drive in Haliburton.

“There are subdivisions all over that have turned into nice residential areas,” Deb said. “He was a workaholic for sure. He always had his focus on work.”

Greg followed in his father’s footsteps to also become a surveyor.

“He would always say, ‘You need to lead by example.’ I wasn’t a workaholic quite like he was, but I was always on sites before crews got in and after crews left because of Dad’s influence,” Greg said.

There was no such thing as a lunch hour break for Curry.

“He would work until it was dark; 10-12 hour days,” Deb said.

Curry obtained his Ontario Land Surveyors certificate one year after graduating from university when it normally took two.

He worked for Marshall Macklin Monaghan in Ungava Bay in Northern Quebec.

“When he came out of that, he had a small stint over in Bracebridge and then FT Webster’s business in Haliburton came up for sale, and he bought it in 1958,” Greg said.

From there, he changed businesses and locations in the county a few times, but always remained dedicated to his work.

When asked about Curry’s retirement, Greg laughed and said, “That’s a great question. He really never quit.”

“When he couldn’t do the math as well, he spent two years in our office going through his old files which he knew like the back of his hand, and leaving the important ones for us to digitize.”

Deb said because of his photographic memory, Curry was able to rectify any mistakes or gaps in the extensive collection of records.

“He also loved what he did, and I think that helped with his memory,” Greg said. “The last known survivor of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company was Jimmy Robertson, and he worked for Dad.”



Curry Bishop was an avid outdoorsman for most of his life.

Greg remembers going with Curry to Robertson’s house behind what is now Foodland in Haliburton and listening to the two of them recite where each tree and rock was at specific places in the county.

“I surveyed all my life, and I would remember the site when I got there, but I wouldn’t remember the site to give information to the crew before they went. Dad would know it all,” Greg said. “That was how much he

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loved it."

Rotary

Curry's dedication to everything he did carried into his volunteer career. He had perfect attendance at the Rotary Club of Haliburton for 56 years.

"He would go to a Rotary meeting wherever he traveled, or, you're allowed to miss a meeting and then make up for it, so he would make up for it in Minden whenever he got back," Deb said.

Greg remembers one instance in particular when his Dad was on bed rest, but still made it to Rotary.

"His knee was operated on in the 80s. He was unable to move for two weeks, but he wasn't missing Rotary," Greg said. "We had to take him in a wheelchair to the meeting so that he wouldn't miss it."

Curry received the Fred Jones Award, or the "Rotarian of the Year" award, in 1990.

He spearheaded and helped with several Rotary projects over the years, and attended the Rotary International District Convention in Rouyn-Noranda in 1965.

Time in office

"He was elected deputy reeve of Dysart et al in 1992 for a three-year term, and in 1994, took over the job of reeve when Chris Hodgson, who had held the position since 1992, was elected MPP for Victoria-Haliburton," read a piece about Curry on the Rotary Club of Haliburton website.

Greg said Curry was interested in municipal politics because it concerned



Greg Bishop, left, laughs with Curry Bishop during the 2013 Haliburton Rotary year end meeting where Curry was recognized for 50 years of perfect attendance. /FILE

the local area.

"There's no doubt in my mind that his long-time commitment to places like Rotary, that wanting to support the local community and make it better, was at the top of his mind," he said.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Gathering to celebrate Curry's Life at the Sir Sams Ski Hill at 1054 Liswood Road, Eagle Lake on Nov. 30, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Rotary Club's Good Food Box Program, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton, or to the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank would be appreciated.

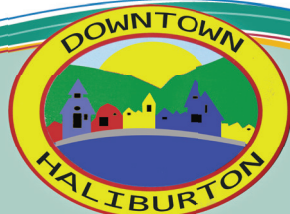
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Mapping said to help property owners determine flood risk

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modeling and surveying work plan efforts of the two Conservation Authorities for 2023. Staff will update council early in the new year on the project's progress and work plan for next summer.

The county's Flood Plain Mapping Project has been ongoing since a 2017 flood. It received funding in 2019 and again in 2021.

Stone said the assembling of data will actually prepare a new flood risk assessment model for two watersheds: the Gull River and the Burnt River.

"That'll lead to more information as it relates to the hazards along those river systems," he said. "It'll generate actual visual mapping that county council can consider when they look at policy development."

Residents can also look at their own property to determine how much of risk they have and possibly make adjustments.

"If you're one side of the line, you may want to move some structures out of that hazard, or you may want to fortify those structures," he said.

The new funding will enable the project to move forward to final stages. That will be to create and make the

model work.

"If those go successfully, the project will actually be concluded with the final presentation to county council of that model and the maps," Stone said.

The mapping could be incorporated into the county's Official Plan. And lower tier municipalities can use the information for zoning bylaws.

Councillor Bob Carter asked if any of the flood plain maps are available now.

"We were hoping to present to the previous county council on where we've gotten to with regards to our mapping," he said.

Such a presentation can be done early in the new year, he said.

Shoreline preservation needs council direction

The biggest project of the last term, in Stone's estimation, was developing the new Shoreline Preservation Bylaw. The new legislation takes a step further than the Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw, he said.

"That goes a little bit beyond the existing tree preservation bylaw insofar as it deal with more terrestrial altera-

tion of the shorelines," he said.

The bylaw will come into effect on April 1, 2023, and will prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees and native vegetation. It will prohibit or regulate the placing or dumping of fill, the removal of topsoil, the alteration of the grade of land on county shoreline properties.

The applicable shoreline area is 20 metres from the high-water mark of lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Planning Department staff spent much of the fall presenting the new bylaw to councils of the four townships.

Dysart et al deferred the county's delegation request pending a legal review of the bylaw. The other three municipalities are proceeding with adoptions of their delegation bylaws.

Stone said staff will provide council with a detailed status report on this project in the near future. The primary purpose of that report will be to receive direction from this council on its priorities with respect to moving forward on this project.

"We're not making any assumptions as a staff with regards to that, and we would like your direction," he said.

Dysart council hears proposal to get rid of invasive weeds

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Giant Hogweed is an invasive plant harmful to people, and there are five patches of it in Dysart et al.

Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, the research coordinator at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd. (HFWLR), told town council during its regular meeting Nov. 22 that some of the plants on Fishtail Lake Road have reached as high as 15 feet tall. They can grow as high as 20 feet.

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The patches are growing quickly and primarily exist on land owned by the Dysart et al municipality. To a lesser extent, it is on land owned by HFWLR and a privately-owned cottage property.

Patches of Giant Hogweed have been found along Fishtail Lake Road and an adjacent snowmobile trail. There are smaller patches in the range of 10-50 plants, two medium-sized patches of 50-100 plants, and two larger patches that each contain well over 1,000 plants each.

Gorgolewski presented town council a proposal for a co-operative plan and cost-sharing agreement to eradicate the Giant Hogweed, whereby the reserve would pay \$5,000 of eradication costs, the private landowner would contribute \$200, and the municipality would pay the remainder estimated to be as much as \$49,800.

Gorgolewski wrote in a report to council that it is in the best interest of all parties to eradicate the patches of Giant Hogweed.

"If we each act individually, our efforts may not be in sync and may not be as efficient," he wrote. "Therefore, we propose to move forward with a cooperative treatment plan."

HFWLR would also conduct monitoring and manual removal of additional plants after the initial eradication effort has concluded, at its own expense.

Gorgolewski said eradicating the patches of Giant

Hogweed will require a multi-year approach.

The benefit of this kind of situation is the herbicide wouldn't have to be sprayed across the whole affected area.

"They would be targeting the specific hogweed plants," he said. "It wouldn't come into contact with any plants other than the Giant Hogweed."

Gorgolewski said spraying would need to be carried out in late spring. It will require three to five years of herbicide applications. The areas will have to be monitored for some time afterwards to ensure no subsequent plants sprout, he said.

"If they did, we could remove those manually rather than using a herbicide," Gorgolewski said. "But, with this amount of plants, the only real way of tackling it is to use a herbicide."

Giant Hogweed is a perennial plant that has been present in Ontario since 1949. It was most likely introduced from ornamental gardens, and now occurs in isolated patches throughout south and central Ontario.

The plants produce seeds three years after germinating, and each plant produces an average of 10,000 seeds per year. Seeds are spread via wind and water. Humans can also move seeds unintentionally on vehicles or when soil or mulch is transported.

Seeds usually sprout the following year, but can remain dormant in soil for up to three years. Giant Hogweed is able to establish in low-nutrient soils, but also requires direct sunlight to thrive.

These factors cause Giant Hogweed to readily establish along the sides of roads and trails. Once established, it tends to crowd-out native plants and reduce biodiversity.

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey said the weed isn't new to Ontario or Haliburton County.

"If you touch this plant, are you infected then or not?" the mayor said.

Gorgolewski said that's the case. The stem and leaves have little irritable hairs on them. Inside those hairs is a sap that transfers to people and animals.

"If sunlight hits that sap, then the burns will occur," Gorgolewski said.

Fearrey said the hogweed was tackled on Fishtail Lake Road from 2017 to 2019. A troublesome aspect of that work then was they could only treat the road allowances but couldn't access nearby private property.

Gorgolewski said he's spoken to landowners that have the hogweed and they're in favour of removing the troublesome plants.

He said the plants, after cutting, would be tied up in garbage bags and left in the sun for a number of days. The time basically cooking in the sun inside the bags kills the Giant Hogweeds.

"You can leave them on-site," Gorgolewski said.

Fearrey said council should research the issue more and then defer the debate until they get to work setting spending priorities for the 2023 municipal budget.

"I'm not saying they're not there, because they are," Fearrey said. "And somebody has to deal with them. We just need to figure out the best way and who pays what?"

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Highlands East OKs roof work at pair of town garages

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town council will cover costs above budgeted amounts for repairs at two Highlands East municipal garages on Highway 118.

Abby Armstrong, the town's public works manager, urged council when it met Nov. 22 to approve the two over-budget contracts in order to keep the price for the work low.

That's right: If council waits to re-tender for better prices, the way the marketplace has been in these pre-recession pandemic days, the cost to do the work later is likely to be higher.

Ministry of Labour inspectors took a look at the town's garages at 19897 Highway 118 and another garage at 19951 on Highway 118.

"They addressed a few health and safety concerns," she said.

It was noted that the municipality is required to have a pedestrian vehicle plan in place for anyone who would be entering the public works yards to obtain sand for their driveways in the winter.

To alleviate these health and safety matters, the Public Works yards are closed to the public.

"We do not have a plan in place, nor are we staffed or have the resources to be able to monitor the coming of vehicles of pedestrian traffic," Armstrong said.

The public may access sand as required at the old Gooderham garage and the Cardiff works garage, with coun-

cil to give direction to staff if an alternative location is required.

A sand policy to address any future matters and the efficacy of this matter will be brought forward to council at a later date.

Mayor Dave Burton asked why Ministry of Labour inspectors visited the town's facilities?

"Did they just drop in out of the blue for a visit?" he said.

Armstrong said ministry inspectors are known to visit unannounced.

"This was brought forward from a matter that was brought forward," she said. "So they did come out. I actually feel it was a benefit in the sense that we did get to have an ergonomics inspector come through. They were able to address a few issues as well."

"It was a really good inspection. They're very open and willing to work with us with any matters that arise."

Those are the town garages on which roofs need to be replaced.

Public Works recommended that council award the contract to replace the roof at 19897 Highway 118 to Irvcon Ltd. at a cost of \$164,820.00.

The department also asked council to approve the contract for work on the roof at the garage located at 19951 Highway 118 to Amherst Roofing and Sheetmetal Ltd. at a cost of \$184,491.00.

The garage roofs require a full replacement to ensure the health and safety of staff. It was work required as outlined in the 2019 Facility Condition Assessment. As such, they were budgeted at the current market value in 2022 to be remedi-

ated and repaired.

Three bids were received from Amherst Roofing & Sheetmetal Ltd., Irvcon Ltd., and Simluc Contractors Ltd. for each roof project.

The 2022 budget allowed \$80,000 for each roof. But, with the increase in costs of fuel, material, and price changes due to material availability, the costs have increased outside of the 2022 budgeted amount.

Staff urged council to earmark \$189,311 to be included in the 2023 capital budget for work on both garage roofs. It accounts for aforementioned changes in fuel and other materials.

Armstrong said it isn't ideal to have to complete roof work in the fall and winter.

"After discussion with a few of the different (contractor) candidates, they did note that they would hold their costs. However, it would have to be approved by council."

Both contractors have agreed to hold their prices, providing the municipality award them the contracts and issue a purchase order to each company in 2022.

If council doesn't approve the proposal, Public Works will have to re-tender the work in Spring 2023. With market volatility, if council chooses not to award the contracts, the municipality will more than likely see an increase for the roof work in 2023.

"This report is essentially a request to have the tenders awarded," Armstrong said.

Burton wanted to know if the roofs were in such disrepair that work abso-

lutely had to be carried out sooner rather than later, following a retender in 2023.

"To me, the prices are extreme," Burton said, and asked that council defer the work to be retendered in the new year.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said perhaps the high price may just be a sign of the times.

"I don't think anybody is going to gouge us because the numbers (in bids) are too close," Ryall said. "I don't have a problem with deferring this, if we want to, to a later date."

"I just want to make sure, at the end of the day, that we don't defer it to the point where we close our option on the prices that we currently have."

He said prices could easily increase, and he suggested the town research other options, other sources to get the work done.

"I'm very concerned that this is a sign of the times of things to come," Ryall said.

Shannon Hunter, the town's CAO/treasurer, asked about the level of deterioration at the garages and if there was indeed a hole in the roof at garage 19951.

Armstrong said both garages have deterioration.

"There are holes in both roofs," she said. "That was kind of the main concern, obviously. It is not anticipated that the roofs will collapse tomorrow."

Garage 19897 has leaks that are causing damage to the roof and paint and drywall through the rest of the structure.

"There is extensive work that does need to occur at both buildings," Armstrong said.

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The exhibit is called *Forgotten*, a word decided on by the Grade 12 visual arts students themselves, but I hope the experience is something they will always remember.

"Students have a lot to say, and being able to share their voice with the community and making their work visible is really important to honouring that expression," said Karen Gervais, visual arts teacher at HHSS.

Amid the uncertainty and confusion surrounding talk of a potential long CUPE strike, the students didn't let it crush their opportunity.

Each student hung their art piece on the wall of the gallery beside their artist statement; sharing their deepest thoughts and the most vulnerable parts of themselves with the community.

I remember very vividly when the same opportunity was given to my Grade 12 art class years ago.

I had to speak about my piece and explain the theme of our exhibit to a room full of guests.

I was *really* scared at the time.

Looking back, though, I realize it was one of those experiences that shaped me, all because I was given the opportunity to share my voice with the community.

It was actually at that same exhibit in my Grade 12 year where I met Emily Stonehouse.

She had just moved back to the area

and was a reporter at the time. She approached me in the gallery and was so interested to hear about my art, where I got my inspiration from, and what the experience of having it hung in a gallery was like.

Clearly, I never forgot that interaction.

I remember thinking that I wanted to be just like her. I wanted to be the one making someone else feel like what they have to say is important.

How funny is life?

Five years later, Emily and I are now working together as editors, getting to do just that.

I was also lucky enough to watch Camp Camexicanus' performance of *School of Rock* last week.

The play was both directed and performed by local youth.

What an amazing opportunity for the kids involved.

They got to direct, sing, dance, and act in front of a full theatre of people. That's something I'm sure they'll carry with them forever. Maybe, some will even want to pursue a stage career even further.

Robin Carmount just won Highlander of the

Year for giving kids the opportunity to let loose and be themselves at his Youth Nights and for his Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association in the summer.

His programs are much more than the activities themselves.

They allow for kids to find and build their confidence to then become adults that have the self-assuredness to reach for their goals.

No matter how many years ago, that was me and you. We were young kids or teenagers looking for opportunities to allow us to grow and give us the necessary confidence boost to succeed.

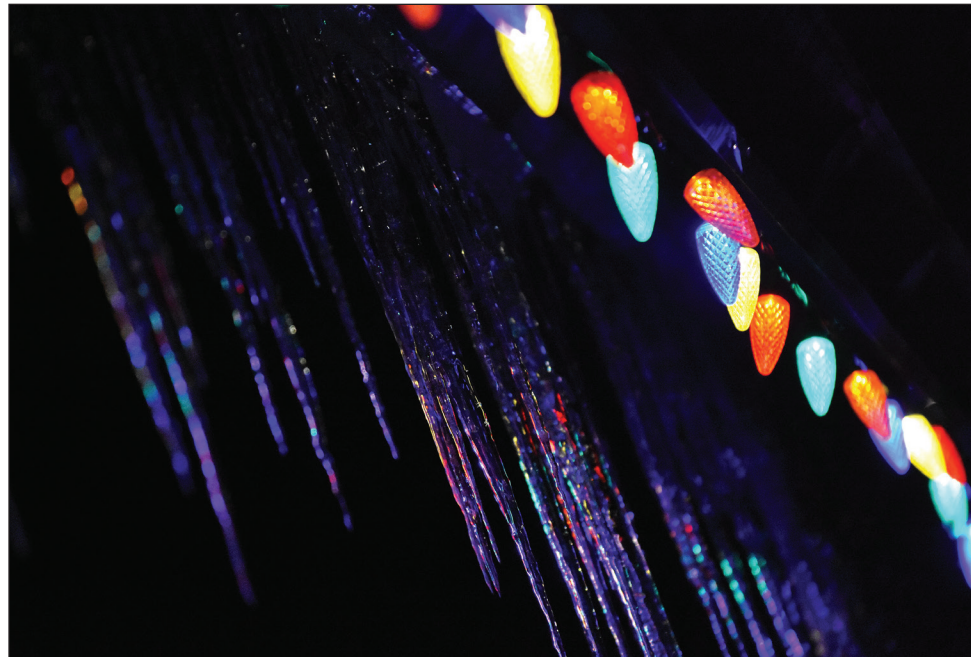
Let's make sure that we continue giving the gift of opportunity to kids, as well as offering encouragement, in our community wherever possible.

The future depends on it.



vivian collings

Editorial



Christmas lights illuminate icicles on a cold night.

by Vivian Collings

Closets

HE KNEW they were in there. The bad things, the monsters. Even after his mother checked his bedroom closet and declared it empty of anything but clothes, Jeffrey remained skeptical.

Eventually, he realized there was indeed nothing to be feared from his closet. In fact he grew to like standing in it, just behind the door, peeking through the slats.

He felt invisible. It was even more fun hiding in other people's closets. He could watch his little sister talking to her dolls, his bigger sister talking on her phone or his dad fixing his tie before going downstairs for breakfast.

Closets smelled like the people, their clothes reminding him of what it was like getting a hug or sitting squished in the back-seat on the way to the cottage.

One day when he was older, about 12, he visited his grandparents' farm. They had lived in a very old house made of logs. For Jeffrey it was like being in another world. There were coal oil lamps and a big kitchen range that his grandmother fired up with wooden matches.

But the biggest surprise for Jeffrey, was the complete lack of closets. Nowhere to hide, unless he wanted to go up to the spooky attic. But that was no good because no one ever went there.

The old house's two bedrooms had hooks on the back of their doors, and that was where Jeffrey saw clothes hanging. There was a set of rough-looking work clothes and dresser outfits for wearing to church.

Jeffrey's mom explained that his grandparents kept their other clothes up in the attic because they didn't need them on a daily basis. There were also hooks on the kitchen wall by the door. These were for jackets and hats. Jeffrey couldn't help but feel sad for his grandparents in their closet-less lives.

Years piled up on top of one another, and one day Jeff found himself near retirement age. He still had an interest in closets. Sometimes he saw pictures advertising closet organizers or the homes of rich and famous people. It

was these closets that confounded him.

Walk-in closets. Closets that were rooms onto themselves with row upon row of shoes and clothing. The shoes looked like soldiers lined up for inspection, the clothes spaced evenly for easy browsing. Sort of like a store, he thought. Imagine trying to decide what to wear, something his grandparents didn't have to worry about.

Jeff's mother was now on her own in a retirement home. When he went to visit her in her room, he almost needed to turn sideways in the little hallway in order to get past her clothes closet.

Its door was always open, and there was so much stuffed in the closet confines that Jeff doubted he could even fit his hand between items. Over the years,

every Christmas, birthday and Mothers' Day gift had been kept. Jeff doubted she had worn most of the clothes for decades.

When she was still living in Jeff's childhood home, his mother had sent him upstairs one day to get a shawl hanging in her bedroom closet. As he searched through its contents, he kept coming across virtually new outfits he couldn't recall ever having seen on her.

They were fancy clothes given to her by Jeff's dad every Christmas. Guilt gifts. While lovely to look at, she had nowhere to wear such apparel, unless she had wanted to dress up to buy groceries.

Still, every year she made a big fuss when she opened those boxes under the tree. As an adult, Jeff realized she probably would have considered her husband's loyalty to their marriage a preferred gift but one she had been denied.

He often found himself wondering what other people kept in their closets. Invisible monsters, unworn clothes or special hiding places. Closets could tell a great deal about the people who stored their possessions there. Priorities and secrets.

Those were much more interesting to him than micro stores for people with too much money and not enough gratitude.



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points of view

Season's greetings

IF YOU SEE me in town and notice that my normally impeccable waving is non-existent, don't be offended. This is not the end of an era. I just injured my elbow.

Rest assured, as soon as I recover, I will return to the flawless waving for which I am known far and wide. And which you've come to rightfully expect.

My elbow injury isn't severe. But it does affect my waving arm elbow, so my normally perfect form is more than a little off. Basically, my right elbow hurts when I wave – and that means I wince, which is not the kind of thing you would expect from a world-class waver like me. It's unacceptable.

This not what you moved to this County to experience.

I could wave and wince, but as anyone who has ever been the recipient of one of my trademark waves knows, that's not going to happen. Anyone who knows me knows I take my waving very, very seriously.

Sure, I could wave with my other arm. But, frankly, I am not one of those ambidextrous showboats, who is content with just doing a passable job.

I'm just going to mail one in.

So, you'll have to forgive me, if I just give you a thoughtful and committed nod for the time being.

My waving arm and elbow need a break.

I don't mean to make a big deal out of this. I am only speaking up because there has been some loose talk around town that I might have lost my waving mojo. And, yes, there are also

those who have been waiting in the shadows, biding their time for this to happen, so that they could ascend to the pinnacle.

To them – and you know who you are – I say stand down. For, as God is my witness, my elbow will eventually heal and I will return an even better waver. So, if you choose to be top gun enjoy it while you can. It won't last forever.

But know that I'm not some Johnny-come-lately to the waving game. You can't have risen to this level of waving without experiencing this sort of heartbreak at least a few times. I may be down, but I'm not out.

My waving has always come from a very genuine place. It's an expression of who I am.

For some folks, waving is merely a pastime, done off the porch or from a passing vehicle. For me, it has always been a calling. When I wave, I wave from my heart and soul.

That's why I am asking you not to wave at me as I struggle though this difficult time for us all. I know. Believe me, I know you are going to want to wave.

But your waving will only cause me to reciprocate instinctively – and I can't right now.

Oh sure I want to. I want to with every fibre of my being.

But one wrong move and I'll wave sloppily – and you deserve so much better. And disappointing you with an amateurish wave would hurt me far beyond tendon, joint and bone and muscle. It would scar my spirit.

So, I beseech you once again, go easy on me. Just nod for now, if you must, or simply say, "Hey."

Don't worry. These dark days will not last forever. The sun will rise again. And so will my happy, perfectly choreographed outstretched fingers, waving triumphantly in my trademark right, left, centre salutation. And then we will all smile and laugh again.

In the meantime, thanks for your unwavering support.



steve
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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The family of John and Jane Stothart of Haliburton owned a farm fronting onto Head Lake. They frequently rowed their way into town for their errands and social life. Part of present-day Harmony Road and Bayshore Road was the laneway into the farm. The main house was located where 1 Museum Road is today. /Photo donated to the Haliburton Highlands Museum by family member Pat Cowen

Memories of Curry Bishop from Haliburton Rotary

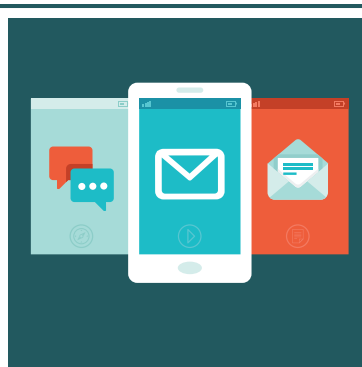
Curry Bishop didn't just live in Haliburton - he spent a lifetime serving Haliburton as an exemplary Rotarian for just over 59 years. Curry's been the "Dean of the House" so to speak for Haliburton's Club for decades. In fact, he was so dedicated to Rotary meetings, that he had perfect attendance for 56 years. Even as an honorary member at 91 years old, he continued to attend club meetings regularly. I fondly remember the cake and singing happy birthday to him when he turned 90 last year, and just a month ago he proudly won our internal club game that had been running for over a year.

The Rotary Club aims to improve our community through service projects and community events. Curry was always keen to play his part and led many initiatives such as the summer carnival over the years. He also led the club as president in 1968/1969. He received several Rotary awards including the

Fred Jones Rotarian of the Year award in 1990 and the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019. One of Curry's favourite Rotary activities was selling tickets for the annual car draw. He'd stand on the street for hours passionately encouraging community members and cottagers to support the club's community projects by buying tickets. He outsold every other member for years.

Curry's a tough act to follow as a Rotarian when you consider how dedicated he's been over the years. He led by example to younger Rotarians who learned about the commitment it takes to serve well. We're so grateful to have had him join our club in weekly fellowship and service for all these years. Curry will be missed by all of us, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his endless commitment to serving Haliburton.

*Submitted by Ursula Devolin,
Rotary Club of Haliburton president*



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**Smiles
for Santa**

Raya Griffin enjoys a candy cane and sucker at the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade. The 18th annual Santa Claus Parade, hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, took place on Friday, Nov. 25 on packed Highland Street in Haliburton. Over 40 floats participated. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Santa waves and wishes the crowd a Merry Christmas to conclude the 18th annual Haliburton Santa Claus Parade.



Brynn Meyers and Brendan Coumbs, members of the Dysart Fire Department, hand out candy.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott wave to the crowd from their float.



Haliburton County Huskies players gave out fist bumps while they walked beside their float.



Mike Landry and David Zilstra cruise the Santa Claus Parade on Haliburton Rotary Bike Share bikes.

Dysart changes load limit on Koshlong Lake Bridge

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart council hopes a change in the weight limit on Koshlong Lake Bridge will be temporary.

Township bridges have to be inspected every two years. And it was through the course of regular inspection that staff noticed a broken timber girder on the Koshlong Lake Bridge.

Rob Camelon, Dysart's Public Works director, told council during its Nov. 22 regular meeting that it's because of that troubled timber that engineers have assessed the bridge's load limit at seven tonnes.

"That's problematic for our maintenance of the road, certainly in the winter time," said Camelon.

It also creates maintenance issues for the remainder of the municipal road beyond the bridge by limiting the size of equipment or vehicles able to cross the Burnt River.

Costs are unknown at this time. And, in the absence of a departmental surplus, staff recommends the work be funded from the Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

The township has secured a contractor to repair the bridge. Camelon said work will include road excavation to make room to slide a timber girder beside the broken one, he said.

It should be a one-day job, he said, "but, until they get in there, they just won't know."

Camelon said the public will be made aware of the timeframe for repairs and any delays for the bridge's use.

"Once the girder is in, engineers will re-evaluate it and assign a new load limit to it," Camelon said.

Then the load restriction could be lifted at the next council meeting, said Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey.

Fines may be in the offing for over-night loiterers

There have been many occasions over the last few years when the Head Lake Park Bylaw has limited staff from taking action against infractions happening in the park.

The bylaw either has weak penalties or non-existent penalties, according to a report to council penned by Andrea Mueller, Dysart's programs and events manager.

"There have been repeated cases in which people are operating motor vehicles on the pathways in Head Lake and Rotary Beach Park," she wrote. "Even after repeated warnings from Parks staff and bylaw staff, the individuals continue to repeat the same offences."

One of the continual problems has been people driving through the park.

"Sometimes it's by accident," Mueller said during council's Nov. 22 meeting. "They think the roadway continues, and they drive in."

People drive into the park and use the toilet facilities, despite warnings from park staff. There's even been issues with people sleeping inside the park in the privies, the bandshell, and library porch.

"It's repeated nights, over and over

again," she said. "We're looking to maybe update the park bylaw to be more current with the times."

Staff suggest that the fine for the operation of a motor vehicle in the park without permission should be significantly

increased to deter this type of behaviour.

Staff recommend that the Head Lake Park By-Law be changed to include a fee for overnight loitering. Fearrey directed staff to deliver an updated bylaw to council at a January meeting for review.



Food bank month for Lions

The Haliburton and District Lions Club dropped off non-perishable food items to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank as part of their food bank month on Monday, Nov. 28. Each day, the Lions gather non-perishable food items as part of their Reverse Advent Calendar service project, and they also invite the community to join them. Included in the food drop off to the 4Cs Food Bank was the first delivery of gently used children's books. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Christmas Toy & Food Drive 2022

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates.

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It's Ladies' Shopping Night in Haliburton

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Back by popular demand, the Haliburton BIA Ladies' Shopping Night is about to give Santa some competition. On Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. ladies are invited to step out for a great, fun shopping experience full of significant discounts, some up to 30 per cent off on a wide range of items, individual store give-aways and contests. Plus, a chance to win one of five \$100 gift certificates at their choice of any BIA business. With only 200 to 300 entries, there's a good chance of winning.

"It's a fun night out. Ladies have a hoot," David Zilstra, BIA vice chair and board coordinator said. "They usually go in groups of four or five. Some start their evening by having dinner together at a downtown restaurant, then shop in participating stores and have an awesome time. It's about comradery and a night out without kids and husbands or partners. It's a kid-free zone that happens just one night a year."

Kirstley Dams, the new BIA administrator added, "Not only is Ladies' Shopping Night a unique opportunity to take advantage of later shop hours, special deals and contests, the event also gives the whole Haliburton community that extra motivation to shop locally for holiday gifts. Dollars spent locally is so important. And the cherry on top – hot chocolate, compliments of the BIA, carolers spreading Christmas cheer through-



SIRCH Bistro & Bakery offered lots of yummy treats to shoppers on Ladies' Shopping Night in 2021. /FILE

out the village, and the BIA draw for a \$100 gift certificate."

How the contest works

Ladies can pick up a passport (ballot) now until Dec. 8 at any participating BIA store, easily recognizable by the Ladies' Shopping Night poster in the store window. Or, they can pick up a passport on

Dec. 8 starting at 5 p.m. at the BIA warming station located at the village square on Highland Street.

On the back of each passport is a list of participating BIA stores. The contestant then goes shopping and gets their passport either stamped or signed at a minimum of five participating stores. When they are finished shopping, they

drop their passport into a clearly marked drum located in the hallway at Glecoff's Family Store on Highland Street.

It keeps getting better ...

"In addition to the main BIA draw," Zilstra said, "all participating businesses are free to add their own contests or give-aways that night. And then, there's the warming station at the village square."

BIA warming station

The BIA warming station's name says it all. Here you can warm up with a delicious cup of hot chocolate, pick up your passport (ballot) for the main draw, and enjoy the warmth of a safely contained fire pit. "If you've lost your passport or need a fresh one, you can grab it here," Dams said.

In the holiday spirit

"At previous Ladies' Nights, the stores were busy," Zilstra said. "It's a special night for merchants and staff, as well, so they try to make everyone feel special."

Shoppers can expect to see in-store decorations, giveaways, and even staff getting into the holiday spirit by wearing festive outfits. It's going to be a great night out. So, come downtown for Ladies' Shopping Night in Haliburton. Have fun. Bring a friend. And don't be surprised if a reindeer turns out to be your check-out person.

For more information, email haliburtonbia@mail.com or visit www.haliburtonbia.com.

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**Rocking
the stage**

Dewey Finn, played by Darian Willis, introduces students to rock music for the first time in Camexicanus & Backroad Arts Collective's production of *School of Rock* on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The musical was directed and performed by youth. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Dewey Finn, played by Darian Willis, looks on in amazement as Tomika, played by Fia Scuhr, sings *Amazing Grace*.



Ned Schneebly, played by Ethan Chartrand, left, and Dewey Finn, played by Willis, rock out during a scene in their apartment.



Zach, played by Ruairi Byrnes, Grade 5, shreds on the electric guitar.



Summer, played by Katie Lavalle, jumps from the teacher's desk.



Nearly 35 Jolly joggers were all set to run or walk wearing festive clothing on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 27 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



Events and recreation coordinator for the Municipality of Dysart et al Andrea Mueller gave instruction before the start of the jog.

Jolly joggers run their way through Haliburton

DAVID ZILSTRA
Staff

The Jolly Jog held this past Sunday in Haliburton was once again a festive and fun event that had close to 35 adults, children and dogs enjoying a beautiful late fall morning in the Highlands.

All of the runners and walkers dressed for the season in festive outfits. One young boy even dressed up as a

present which just happened to be from Santa himself.

Each participant had the choice of three different routes, one and a half kilometres, three kilometres, or the longest, a five kilometre route which went into the village of Haliburton, the Welcome Centre being the half-way mark on that route. The two smaller routes went into the park and Halbiem Crescent.

While the adults waited patiently for the start of the run, the children had lots of fun running around outside the museum chasing each other and having a great time.

After a few instructions from Andrea Mueller, manager of programs and events for Dysart et al, there was a mass start!

Everyone had a great time, and as an added bonus, the event collected donations for the local food bank.

The event, which originally started in 2013 as the ugly sweater run, will be back next year for its 10th anniversary event, and promises to be bigger and better than ever with some additional fun activities not included in previous years.



Santa at the barber shop
Eden, left, and Aspen Folco sit with Santa when he came to The Noble Barber on Highland Street in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 26. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Non-perishable food items were collected by those who came to visit Santa at The Noble Barber on Saturday, Nov. 26. All items will be donated to the local food bank.



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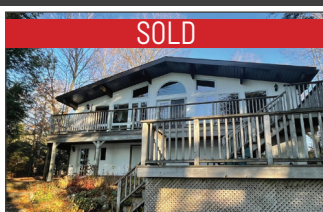
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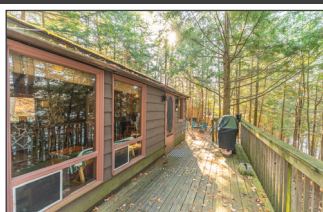
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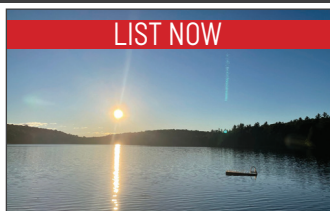
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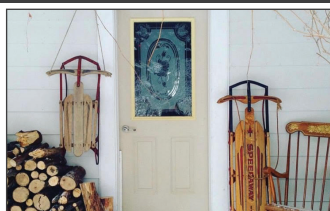
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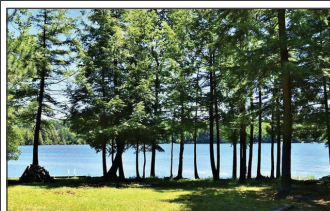
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Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market: Bigger and better

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"Last year, our first holiday night market was extremely successful," Ashley McAllister, Director of Operations, said. "We were expecting 150 people and more than 700 showed up. We were lucky that it was held outside, because we had the room to spread out. This year, we're expanding things to make better use of the property and to offer even more of a great festive experience."

When visitors pull into the parking lot, they will be drawn to the illuminated entrance in the distance. Upon signing in at the registration table, they will be given a map of the property that clearly shows three locations where various activities will be taking place. Admission is by donation.

Three locations

1. The Event Tent will be robust with twenty-four local artists and vendors greeting visitors, and sharing information about their work and the special items they have made for holiday gift-giving. "We have a wide variety of items for sale including kids clothing, jewelry, baked goods, Christmas ornaments and décor in our heated tent," McAllister emphasized.



"It'll be nice and warm in there."

2. Café at the Food Hub will offer something especially festive this year that is geared for adults: coffee cocktails including hot toddies and Irish coffee. Savoury favourites for the whole family will also be offered: Wood-fired pizza, mac and cheese, and poutine.

Plus, ambient, warming fire pits will be set up at the Food Hub.

The Food Hub will also be open for shopping. So, keep an eye out for some

great Abbey Gardens gift baskets.

Also new this year, "We're setting up a little tree farm at the Food Hub," McAllister said. "There will be a drive-through station where people can come, pick their tree, and then pick it up on their way out after the market."

3. The Haliburton Highlands Brewery (HHB) will be open, offering wine, beer, and cider plus other festive treats. HHB is an award-winning micro-brewery producing handcrafted, premium ales as

fresh and natural as the Highlands that inspire them.

Caroling by the Highlands Harmony Choir

An absolute delight of the night will be the uplifting voices of the forty-three-member, Highlands Harmony Choir, led by director, Laurel McCauley. "It's going to be lots of fun!" she said. *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, and the Leonard Cohen version of *Hallelujah* will be among the choir's heart-warming musical treats.

Warning: The joy they feel singing together is contagious, so if you plan on coming to the event, get ready to feel great.

Abbey Gardens Big Fundraiser

Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market is a big fundraiser for its Sprouts to Snacks food-focused kids' program in partnership with local elementary schools. Children learn all about food, from planting, growing, and harvesting to cooking healthy food. "We did this program before COVID hit," McAllister said, "and now we're trying to do a hybrid program in partnership with the school board. We're hoping to roll it out for the next school year. Proceeds from the event will go towards buying supplies and bus-sing for kids and covers all of the program's expenses."

For more information about Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market visit: abbeygardens.ca and facebook.com/abbeygrows.

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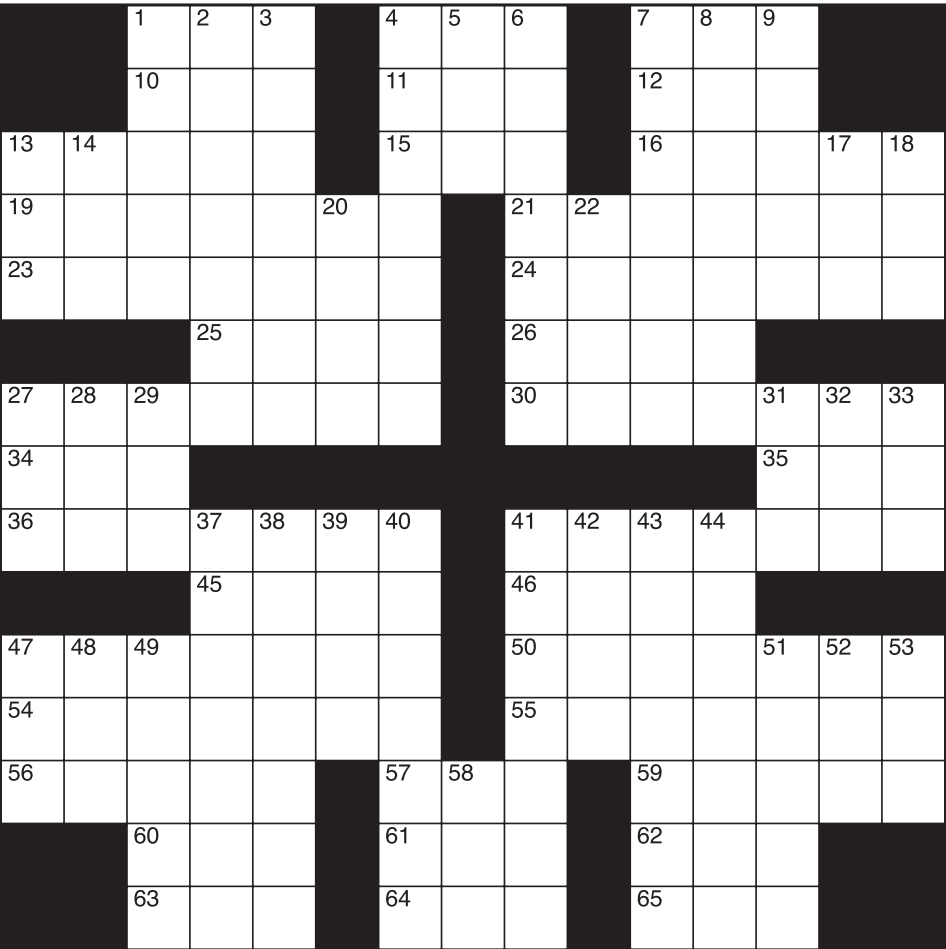
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 - 10. Neckwear
 - 11. Solid water
 - 12. A way to work the soil
 - 13. Inspiring
 - 15. Pick up
 - 16. It wakes you up
 - 19. Parcel
 - 21. Popular dog breed
 - 23. Lets out a sigh
 - 24. Embedded into the surface
 - 25. Hard liquors
 - 26. One from Scotland
 - 27. Satisfy
 - 30. Used to introduce a contrasting statement
 - 34. Antidepressant drug type (abbr.)
 - 35. Similar
 - 36. Winged horse
 - 41. Soft drink maker
 - 45. One who doesn't live up to expectations
 - 46. Nursemaid
 - 47. Inheritor
 - 50. Hot, often dusty wind
 - 54. Serves as an introduction
 - 55. Earned top billing
 - 56. Mansion
 - 57. A partner to a carrot
 - 59. War-horse
 - 60. Midway between northeast and east
 - 61. It checks the heartbeat
 - 62. Aquatic salamander
 - 63. CNN's founder
 - 64. Being precisely suitable and right
 - 65. Strongly alkaline solution
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Pinochle trick
 - 2. A system of connections
 - 3. Emblems of royalty
 - 4. Work with a soft hand
 - 5. Plant cultivated in Peru
 - 6. A timid man
 - 7. Lacking intellectual depth
 - 8. A way to order
 - 9. Intoxicating
 - 13. Mimic
 - 14. Surfers use it
 - 17. Small Eurasian deer
 - 18. Popular Miller beer
 - 20. Finds out about
 - 22. Unusual
 - 27. Small European viper
 - 28. Indicates before
 - 29. Birth swine
 - 31. 7
 - 32. Useful keyboard key
 - 33. Letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 37. Edible mollusk
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 - 39. Utilized
 - 40. ___ in tradition
 - 41. A way to get through
 - 42. Let off
 - 43. Fashionable source of shade
 - 44. In due time
 - 47. Printing speed
 - 48. A major division of geological time
 - 49. Nocturnal, cat-like mammal
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 - 52. After B
 - 53. Unusual
 - 58. Former money of the EU

Answers on page 17

Summer theatre is alive and thriving in Haliburton Highlands

Almost as a rebuke to the approaching winter, Highlands Summer Festival is ready to sweep patrons into next summer and rekindle their love for live theatre with a fabulous line up of shows. The 2023 season was announced last Saturday by Artistic Producer Scot Denton and company president Brian Kipping. "It is always exciting to announce the productions we are preparing for next summer," Denton said as he revealed the line up.

"We're opening July 3 with a delightful musical comedy called *She Loves Me*. The musical tells the story of two young employees of a cosmetic store in Paris, who find love through a "lonely hearts" letter exchange. While love blossoms through the mail, their personal relationship at work is rocky. In the end, through song and music, love, of course, triumphs. "I think our audiences will find this to be a delightful story cleverly told," Denton said.

The second show in the line up relates the story of a young man who has cycled across the continent only to arrive on the doorstep of his ninety-one-year-old grandmother. The title, *4000 Miles*, refers, not only to the journey he has just completed but as a metaphor to the generational distance that separates the two. Leo is in crisis, confused by an on-again, off-again romance, furious with his mother's incessant meddling, and grieving deeply for his best friend and biking partner, Micah, who is recently deceased. As the play evolves, the two are surprised to find common ground that brings them together.

We welcome Dan Needles, a well-known playwright and performer to the Highlands Summer Festival stage with his comedic examination of life in rural Ontario as seen through the eyes of a newcomer from the city. Needles will be joined on stage by musician Ian Bell, as he navigates the tricky and often contradictory cultural divide in *More Confessions from the Ninth Concession*.

Trapped in a loveless relationship that is headed nowhere, *Shirley Valentine* finally discovers the courage to break free and discover there is a totally different world waiting for her to enjoy. *Shirley Valentine* is an award-winning one-woman

stage play that has delighted and inspired audiences since its first debut.

Leisa Way is back with a new tribute to the music of folk singer Gordon Lightfoot. With the Wayward Wind Band, she will guide us through the many hit songs of this Canadian troubadour. Lovingly presented the show, called *Early Morning Rain*, will trigger memories of those special moments when the music of Gordon Lightfoot provided the soundtrack to our lives.

"There is nothing like being swept up in a compelling story or moment that only live theatre can deliver," Denton said. "The 2023 season is a wonderful opportunity to fall in love with live theatre again."

President Brian Kipping noted, "Season passes with a ticket to all five shows are now on sale for \$175. That is almost like getting five shows for the price of four. Season pass holders also get first chance at selecting their seats."

Single tickets, at \$40, go on sale after the season pass blitz, on Jan. 31, 2023.

Passes and tickets can be ordered online at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca by phone 705-457-9933 or 855-457-9933 or by mail to Highlands Summer Festival, Box 938, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0

"A season pass makes a great Christmas gift for someone special who loves live theatre or as a treat for yourself," Kipping added.

A reminder that all donors to the Highlands Summer Festival, a registered charity, are rewarded with front of the line service, recognition in the program and on our website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca, a receipt that can be used for income tax purposes, an opportunity to vote at the company's AGM and the satisfaction of supporting one of the most vibrant summer theatre companies in Central Ontario. Donations are accepted online when purchasing season passes or tickets, or your cheque can be mailed to: Highlands Summer Festival, Box 938, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

"On behalf of everyone at the Festival, I invite you to join us next summer and fall in love with live theatre all over again," Kipping concluded.

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Haliburton County Master Gardeners recognized as Enviro-Heroes

A group of horticulturalists have been giving advice to new and seasoned gardeners in the Highlands for 20 years.

Eileen Hughes, Winnie Kasepчук and Pauline Plooard have been with the group since its inception.

"It's been a deeply satisfying experience for me," said 89 year old Hughes. "I've divided hostas and rescued native lupines from the ditch for our plant sale, made presentations to our local horticultural society and in the very earliest days fundraised door to door."

The organization develops resources and programs specific to the challenging growing conditions of the Haliburton Highlands region. For this work, they were recognized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) as Enviro-Heroes.

At their year-end meeting on Nov. 17, Joan Duhaime from the HHLT presented them with a certificate and praised them for their many initiatives including their work to educate the public about the importance of native plants to the ecological integrity of the region.

The two years of the pandemic did not slow the group down. With help from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), they overhauled their website, and it's packed with information for northern gardeners, an online garden questionnaire and an events calendar listing local initiatives and garden related webinars. There are lots of free downloads available as well, including a directory of plants native to the region.

"The award winning work that we do today was built on the foundation that was laid over the last 20 years by many members with deep knowledge and hands in the dirt experience," said Carolyn Langdon, coordinator of the group.

One of their most requested programs is the on-site property consultation. While they will give advice on any gardening issue, the big demand is for practical information on how to conserve or restore a shoreline or other area of a property that has little vegetation or has been overrun with invasive plants like goutweed or periwinkle.

"In the last three years, we've undertaken 50 site visits and inspired people to protect their land and water by naturalizing and planting more native plants to restore the broken food web, particularly along the their shoreline," said Langdon.



Joan Duhaime from the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, left, presented the Haliburton County Master Gardeners with a certificate for their "Enviro Heroes" award. The certificate was presented to Marilyn Whittaker, back row from left, Carolyn Langdon, Dinah Wilson, Merryn Camphausen, and front row from left, Deb Barnhart and Pauline Plooard. Missing members were Eileen Hughes, Winnie Kasepчук, Lee Ann Hobson, Lori Anderson, Alison Squire, Maureen Moore, Shelia Currie, Shelley Fellows, and Rita Dadzis. /Submitted

A popular new initiative launched this year by the HCMG was the Heritage Apple Project which was undertaken in partnership with the University of Guelph. Heritage apple trees were genetically identified as well as feral apple trees with a lineage dating back to the early settlement of the Highlands. How delicious is that?

In the works for next year is a self-guided audio tour about the role of plants in ecosystem restoration along

the Minden Riverwalk, a project in partnership with HCDC, the Township of Minden Hills, U-links and the business community.

For more information about the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, please visit www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/ or look them up on Facebook.

Submitted by Haliburton County Master Gardeners

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Good food, good mood

The Rotary Club of Haliburton packs over 100 bags full of fresh produce to be delivered throughout the county for their Good Food Box program on Thursday, Nov. 17. The club runs the program once a month. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



You're a crafty one, Mr. Grinch

Parker Madill holds up the Grinch's arm at the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 19. The event featured vendors selling handmade goods and a lunch made by the Ladies Auxiliary. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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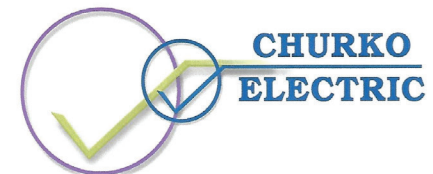
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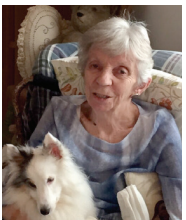
In Loving Memory
Ruth Stamp (nee McKnight)
(Resident of Lindsay, Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Tuesday morning, November 22, 2022 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Morris Stamp. Loving mother of Carolyn LaPorte (James - predeceased), Sheryl McGill (Tom) and Bill Stamp (Kendra). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Derrick (Sylvie), Andrea (Dennis), Daniel (Jill), Jessica, Elisa (Shaun), Billie-Joanna (Alfredo), Danielle (Lindsey), Kelda, Mandy (Mike) and by her great grandchildren Alexie, Maxine, Sieanna, Jeremy, Claire, Jaylah, Camryn, Noah, Alexa, Luca, Jaxon, Hudson, Emilie & Luciano. Dear sister of Vera Kernohan and Bradley (Shirley) McKnight. Predeceased by her brothers Gary, Lyle and by her sister Lois. Also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Linda Kellet and many nieces and nephews. Ruth worked in the Resort Industry for many years and owned and operated a B&B for the School of Fine Arts. She enjoyed her faith in Jehovah and most of all, spending time with family and friends.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 Friday morning, November 25, 2022, for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Spring Interment Ingoldsby Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory
Jean Freeman (nee Campbell)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, November 22, 2022. Beloved wife of Ken (2013). Loving mother of Cathie, Elizabeth and David. Much loved Nana to Richard, Jeanette, Nicole (Stefan). Jean was the proud owner of the Bush Boutique at Haliburton Lake for many years where she enjoyed creating arts and crafts with residents and cottagers. An avid quilter and world traveler, Jean was loved by many. The family is grateful for the friendship and care provided by Margaret and Linda over the years in addition to the many friends and neighbours that provided Jean with love and support.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Jean's life will take place in the Spring of 2023. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of



Harry Curry Bishop
(Ontario Land Surveyor/Civil Engineer/ Life Member of the Haliburton Rotary Club)
Curry passed away peacefully at The Gardens in Haliburton on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the age of 91.

Beloved husband of the late Aldyth Donalda (nee Sisson) (2016). Father of Deb (Rick), Shirley (Bernie), Greg (Sandra). Grandpa to Andrea, Brett (Lauren), Courtney (Monte), Logan (Nikki), Brianne (Mike), Britney (Bill), Brailey (Cody), Brodie (Dave), Chris (Courtney), Mallory (best friend Kim) and great grandpa to Jackson, Matthew, Emmerson, Kenlee, Remi, Rynne, Taylor, Hudson, Paydon, Macy, Brinley, Gracie, Gibson, Jordyn, Maverick, Ellie, Mason and Kenzie. Brother of Wendy and the late Patricia. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Gathering to celebrate Curry's Life at the Sir Sams Ski Hill, 1054 Liswood Rd., Eagle Lake, Ontario on November 30, 2022 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. A Private Family Memorial Service will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Rotary Club (Good Food Box Program), Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or to the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.



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Jackie Wilson

in her 90th year, in Tucson, AZ, fell asleep and woke up on November 18th in the arms of Jesus, just like she wanted. She is now catching up with all her dear ones who have gone before including her husband of 67 years, Stu, her mom and dad, Nana and Papa Wilson, her in-laws, Grandma and Grandpa Wilson, her sister Margie Lewis (Jack), her brother George McGookin (Violet), and her grandson Joel, and lots of others related both by blood and bonds of friendship and faith. Survived by her four children and their spouses, Sharon Mackenzie (Ewen), Linda Kreick (Gordon), Paul Wilson (Theresa) and Peter Wilson (Kerry), 9 additional grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. All of whom she loved deeply and included in her prayers, despite the distance.

A celebration of life service is planned for Friday, December 2nd at 3 pm Tucson time (5 pm EST) at Christ Community Church and will be live cast using the link below. It will also be recorded and available for viewing after the service.

Jackie and Stu both desired to be interred in Haliburton, close to where they both spent their formative years establishing a family and Camp Medeba. As a result a second memorial at Medeba is currently scheduled for June 10, 2023. Given the length of time before that second celebration please check the website below as details may change.

Jackie and Stu were foundational in the establishment of Camp Medeba in Haliburton, ON and there at the beginning of Corazon Ministries in Tucson, AZ. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to these organizations using the links below.

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County gets million dollars for high speed

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Haliburton County is getting up to speed with the rest of the province thanks to a \$1 million grant.

The county was one of the few places in Ontario to receive the maximum possible amount of money under the Rural Connections Broadband Program. Fifteen municipalities or counties were awarded a total of \$8.8 million in Friday's announcement.

The \$1 million from the province will be matched with \$560,000 from the county and \$2.24 million from Bell Aliant. The \$3.8 million investment in the county's broadband infrastructure will be spread out over two years and speed up an existing plan to connect rural residents to broadband technologies. Some of the county's investment will be in-kind contributions.

"I'm just so excited," says county treasurer Laura Janke, who worked on the county's application. "One of the things they look at is how many gaps [in service] will get closed and Haliburton County has so many gaps."

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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Enough already!

Seventy-eight-year-old Beno Luna thinks winter arrives too early and leaves too late. Nearly every morning he's out in front of his house on Luna's Hill on the Harburn Road, shovelling away the new snowfall. Sir Sam's Ski Area is happy about the weather, however. It opens for the season on Saturday.

Board begins school review process Dec. 3

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has filled two community representative positions on the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary School Program and Accommodation Review.

Dorian Young, who administers and trustees know from his work on the district school council and former parent conferences, will represent the business community, and Councillor Suzanne Partridge will represent the council of Highlands East.

The first public input session for the PARC will be held Wednesday, December 3, at Cardiff Elementary School.

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Uranium foes wait for province to change its act

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The anti-uranium mining group FUME and its founders Christine Atrill and Robin Simpson are taking a much-needed break from their battle to reform Ontario's Mining Act but that doesn't mean they want others to stop adding their voices to the cause.

The province's public meetings are over but input will be accepted until January 9.

"What we're hoping is to get a whole pile of people to write [the government] and get more impact," said Simpson, "to give us a couple more months of push here."

Simpson is encouraging anyone opposed to uranium mining in Haliburton County to write a letter to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. Along with the letter writers' thoughts and opinions, Simpson suggests writers cut and paste in FUME's Three Modest Proposals. They can be found on the FUME website, www.fighturanium.com, under the "campaign" heading.

It's been a hectic fall for Simpson. The madness began in August when mining minister Michael Gravelle announced meetings to review and modernize Ontario's Mining Act.

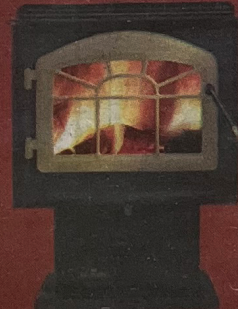
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